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DIAGNOSTICS AND THERAPEUTIC METHODS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 29-31 as follows.

29. (amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising an effective amount of gp100 (SEQ ID NO:27) or [the] an immunogenic peptide[s] having contiguous amino acids within the gp100 sequence [of any one of claims 1, 9, 15 or 22] and a[n] pharmacologically acceptable excipient, diluent or carrier.

30. (amended) A method of [preventing or] treating melanoma in a mammal comprising administering [the] a pharmaceutical composition [of claim 29 comprising gp100 (SEQ ID NO:27) or an immunogenic peptide having contiguous amino acids within the gp100 sequence to [a] said mammal in an effective amount to stimulate the production of [protective antibodies or] immune cells.